



Raymond School District

# TRIMESTER PRESENTATION

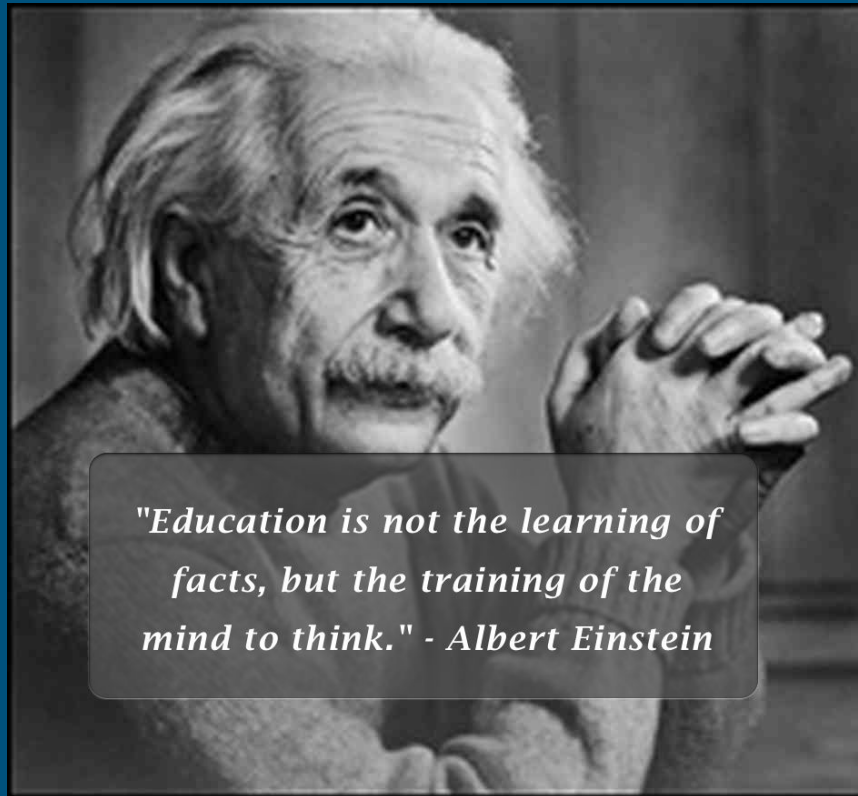
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*"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." - Albert Einstein*

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### **Lamprey River Elementary School**

Currently all core academic classes are on a quarterly grade reporting schedule.

### **Iber Holmes Gove Middle School**

Currently all core academic classes are on a quarterly grade reporting schedule. Band, Spanish, and chorus also run on quarters. However, the additional UA classes are on trimesters, which is confusing for students and their families to keep straight.



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With a trimester proposal the following would remain unchanged:

- Daily Schedules at both LRES and IHGMS
- Parent Teacher Conferences
  - A fall and a spring parent teacher conference is built into the bargaining agreement. Dates can be flexible to accommodate trimesters.



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### Current problems encountered by Quarter Grade Reporting and their Trimester Solutions:

**Problem:** First quarter closes at the end of October. This current schedule requires teachers to assess students before they are ready in order to produce summative grades for first quarter.

**Solution:** First trimester reporting would not occur until end of November.

This would allow for:

- First Six Weeks of School by Responsive Classroom
- Develop Work Study Habits and Community Building
- Building Responsible Learners Unit at IHGMS



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**Problem:** Quarter reporting allows only 9 weeks per quarter with progress reports at 4 ½ weeks. Frequent standard assessments and reporting out of 8 times a year takes away from learning time. Current model requires assessment every 3 weeks at LRES.

**Solution:** Trimester reporting allows for:

- Twelve weeks between reporting blocks to allow teachers more time to address competencies with better integration in units.
- Project based activities and performance assessments go beyond a quick paper and pencil test. Trimester reporting allows more time for students to demonstrate understanding of competencies in this manner.



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**Problem:** Concerns were brought up about reducing from 8 reports to 6 reports. (Currently 4 progress reports & 4 grade reports, proposed 3 progress reports & 3 grade reports)

**Solution:** Common expectation is that teachers update their gradebooks every two weeks and parents can check as often as they like. Entering formative assignments into the gradebook is required at IHGMS.



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**Problem:** The Unified Arts at IHGMS are on different grading and reporting periods. Some are on quarters (year long classes) and some are on trimesters.

**Solution:** Moving to to a universal trimester reporting at both LRES and IHGMS for all content areas would create consistency to grade reporting PreK - 8 and would allow all classes to be considered when determining the Honor Roll at IHGMS. (Currently only English, math, science & social studies are used.)





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### Additional Positive Aspects of Trimester Reporting:

- Aligns better with benchmark assessments given three times a year (STAR 360, Dibels).
- Gives classes the chance to delve deeper into the curriculum before reporting out to parents.
- Students have more time to practice and master a new knowledge and skills before being assessed.
- Allows teachers more time to reteach and reassess if needed.
- Eliminates parent confusion with the two different reporting schedules at IHGMS.



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### Proposal:

The LRES and IHGMS leadership team would like to propose that all classes be on the trimester reporting schedule starting with the next school year.

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